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TAGS: OVIP
SUBJECT: BUCHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

REF: PASSAGE/BLACKWILL TELECONS

1. AS INDICATED TELECONS' WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
IISS TODAY TO WORK OUT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SECRETARY
WILL GIVE INAUGURAL ALISTAIR BUCHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE
JUNE 25 IN LONDON. IN ABSENCE OF CHRISTOPH BERTRAM IN
NEW YORK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR KEN HUNT EXPRESSED WISH THAT
MEMBERS OF IISS BE INVITED TO EVENT ABOUT THE SAME TIME
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE, AND THAT INVITATIONS GO OUT
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER AUDIENCE
FOR SECRETARY'S SPEECH. CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, INSTITUTE AT
SAME TIME HAS NO PLANS ITSELF TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE SPEECH AND, BEFORE WE TALKED, SIMPLY WAS GOING TO
ALLOW INVITATION TO SIGNAL THE EVENT. WE POINTED OUT
DANGER THAT SUCH A CASUAL COURSE WOULD PRODUCE POSSI-
BILITY THAT FACT OF LECTURE MIGHT FIRST BE PUBLICLY
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ANNOUNCED ON FRONT PAGE OF DAILY MIRROR WHICH WOULD

HARDLY SERVE INSTITUTE'S DESIRE TO MAKE OCCASION SOLEMN AND IMPORTANT MEMORIAL FOR BUCHAN. THE POINT WAS TAKEN.

2. IN ANY EVENT, BECAUSE OF INSTITUTE'S SENSITIVITY, WE RECOMMEND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE IN LONDON ON MAY 25 AFTER SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL FOR CENTO MEETING. IISS HAS AGREED THAT INVITATIONS WOULD BE SENT OUT THE SAME DAY THUS REDUCING LIKELIHOOD OF PREMATURE LEAK.

3. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL FROM HUNT. INSTITUTE'S PREFERENCE IS NOW FOR JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT ON MAY 25 AFTER SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN LONDON. GIVEN THE ABOVE, THIS SEEMS SENSIBLE TO US. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT FOR SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. BEGIN TEXT:
THE SECRETARY WILL RETURN TO LONDON ON JUNE 25 TO DELIVER THE INAUGURAL ALASTAIR BUCHAN MEMORIAL LECTURE THAT EVENING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES. ALASTAIR BUCHAN WAS AN OLD AND VALUED FRIEND, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER IS HONORED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY HIS RESPECTS IN THIS WAY TO THE MAN WHO FOUNDED THE INSTITUTE, AND WHO CONTRIBUTED IN SO MANY WAYS TO THE INTELLECTUAL STRENGTH AND INTEGRITY OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END TEXT.

5. WE HAVE OMITTED VENUE FOR SPEECH SINCE IT WILL BE HELD IN LECTURE THEATER OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS. A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM IISS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) APPROVAL FOR MAY 25 JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT AND (2) APPROVAL OF TEXT PARA 4.

7. PLEASE ADVISE.

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